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# Messages From the Department of Education

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## ESEA FLEXIBILITY WAIVER

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The New Hampshire Department of Education continues its efforts to operationalize its approved Flexibility Waiver. Over the past month, members of the Department's Waiver Implementation Team, as well as external partners have been:

- Providing communication about the state's new mathematics and English language arts/literacy standards;
- Coordinating the transition from NECAP to the Smarter Balanced Assessments (see more information below);
- Developing plans to update the school profiles on the NH DOE Web site to include district and school Annual Measurable Objectives (AMO) targets and results;
- Working with and providing support to the state's selected Title I Priority and Focus Schools; and
- Supporting schools by providing information and technical assistance on the implementation of educator evaluation and support systems.

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## ACCOUNTABILITY, ASSESSMENT, CURRICULUM, AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

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### A. Smarter Balanced Field Test

This spring, during the test window of March 18 to June 6, 2014, NH will be conducting a field test of the Smarter Balanced assessment. In order to adequately represent NH, scientifically selected schools will take the assessment to ensure that the assessment items are accessible to all students and that the results are valid, reliable, and fair. The Field Test will include students in grades 3 through 11, engaging in online assessments in mathematics and English language arts (ELA)/literacy.

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### B. Accessibility and Accommodations Guidelines

The Smarter Balanced Assessment System offers a variety of accessibility tools and accommodations for students with disabilities and English language learners, including dynamic features such as videos of human signers using American Sign Language and customized pop-up glossaries. The Accessibility and Accommodations Guidelines are posted at [www.education.nh.gov/spotlight/ccss/sbac.htm](http://www.education.nh.gov/spotlight/ccss/sbac.htm).

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### C. SBAC Technology Requirements

The online Smarter Balanced Assessment System was designed to operate within the technology infrastructures that currently exist in most schools and districts. It is important that all schools determine their degree of technology readiness. Detailed information on the minimum necessary specifications to operate the assessment system can be found on the Office of Technology Web site: [www.nheon.org/oet/readiness/index.htm](http://www.nheon.org/oet/readiness/index.htm). Please check your

system to be sure that you have the minimum requirements to operate the SBAC assessment.

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#### **D. Statewide Assessment Memo for School Year 2013-2014**

The Department has issued its annual assessment memo that helps people to understand what will be happening in state assessment next year. This memo was distributed in June. It can also be found on the NH DOE Web site at [www.education.nh.gov/instruction/accountability/notices.htm](http://www.education.nh.gov/instruction/accountability/notices.htm).

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### **CERTIFICATION**

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#### **A. Alternative 4 and 5**

Please remember that if you have candidates in your school district who were hired over the summer and have a Statement of Eligibility (SOE) their individual professional development plan (IPDP) should be forwarded to the Bureau of Credentialing as soon as possible after the date of hire. It is expected that an alternative 4/5 candidate for New Hampshire certification will construct a professional development plan for that certification that is just as rigorous as if they were enrolled in a teacher preparation program at an institution of higher education. A portfolio of evidence that documents completion of the appropriate competencies must be submitted for full certification.

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#### **B. Data Regarding Hires/Terminations and Teacher Assignments**

All data on hires and terminations need to be entered into the Educator Information System (EIS) as soon as possible. Also please submit your Course Submissions and Student Class Submissions. These should represent the courses your teachers are teaching and the students enrolled in those courses. Note: you can also roll-over your course assignments directly in the EIS and/or enter courses and student rosters directly in EIS. The Bureau of Credentialing is relying on districts to enter the data as we no longer use the Personnel Action Form (PAF). For technical issues with the i4see uploads please contact [i4see.help@doe.nh.gov](mailto:i4see.help@doe.nh.gov).

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#### **C. Endorsements and HQT: 2011-2012 Federal Reporting**

Please make sure all your teachers are highly qualified and certified for the courses they are teaching. Last year's HQT data will be extracted from EIS this fall for the first time. It is important to update the database with HOUSSSE and transcript review details. Additionally, assignments are sometimes entered incorrectly or in a way that the HQT status of an educator may not be properly verified. To see the areas in question, please login to the EIS and click on tabs found on the top of the EIS page ("HQT" or "Uncertified").

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**D. National Board for Teaching Standards Certification**

New Hampshire offers \$1,000 towards the cost of an educator seeking National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification. For more information please go to [www.nbpts.org](http://www.nbpts.org).

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**DATA**

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**A. End of the Year School District Financial Report**

The Form DOE-25/MS-25 was due on September 1st.

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**B. PerformancePLUS (P+) Update**

- NH DOE data trainers are available to come to your school to provide professional development for administrators and teachers in data analysis using P+, Longitudinal reports, and other state supported tools.
- Two new Learning Paths have been released in the NH Network:
  - Using P+ to Look at Local Data - instructs participants in how to generate local data in P+, such as common math benchmark assessments, writing prompts, or reading inventories so that local data can be analyzed beside high stakes assessments.
  - New P+ Reporting - teaches participants how to generate the newest report types, and use filters and options to get useful data.

Working through the Learning Paths provides an opportunity for job-embedded professional learning.

- To be added to the P+ and data news listserv please contact Lisa Kaim at [Lisa.Kaim@doe.nh.gov](mailto:Lisa.Kaim@doe.nh.gov) with your e-mail address. You could add your colleagues, too, by sending an e-mail address. The name of the listserv is FTCAC (Follow the Child Assistance Center).

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**FUNDING**

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**A. Education Tax Credit Program**

Letters to districts impacted by the Education Tax Credit program were sent out on August 28th. This letter identifies student(s) – SASID # who have opted not to return to your school to attend a private school.

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**GRANTS and REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS**  
**ALL RFPs Can be Found on the Department Website at**  
**[www.education.nh.gov/rfp/index.htm](http://www.education.nh.gov/rfp/index.htm)**

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**A. Next Steps NH: College, Career and Life Readiness Grant**

Next Steps NH is a \$3.8 million, five year State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG) awarded by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs. The grant will focus on developing and sustaining the skills of NH school district personnel and families to increase the number of students, with disabilities and/or at risk of dropping out of school, who are college and career ready. The grant will focus on four strategies to achieve this goal: (1) increasing student competency through increased use of ELOs, (2) enhanced transition planning and increased transition activities and opportunities, (3) greater family-school engagement, and (4) sustaining practices through our state Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs), regional professional development intermediaries, a transition Community of Practice, and the use of technology. New Hampshire high schools are eligible to apply with the endorsement of their superintendent. Applicants will be prepared to begin training and implementation in 2013-2014 and demonstrate a commitment to support the implementation of evidenced-based transition practices. Applications for the *Next Steps NH High School Pilot Sites* (Cohort 1) can be found on the NH DOE Web site at: [www.education.nh.gov/instruction/special\\_ed/nextstepsnh.htm](http://www.education.nh.gov/instruction/special_ed/nextstepsnh.htm).

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**HEARINGS**

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**A. Minimum Standards for Public School Approval, Ed 306**

Ed 306 was approved by the NH State Board of Education to enter rulemaking at their June 13th meeting. There is still the opportunity for the public to input testimony electronically at [www.education.nh.gov/legislation/ed306review.htm](http://www.education.nh.gov/legislation/ed306review.htm). This will continue through September 16, 2013.

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**SCHOOL APPROVAL STANDARDS**

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**This section applies to both public and non-public schools**

**A. Public School Approval**

RSA 193-E:3-b, Accountability for the Opportunity for an Adequate Education, requires school officials to submit a narrative explanation detailing how their school complies with each of 12 applicable minimum standards included in the definition of an “opportunity for an adequate education” at least once every two years. This submission is accomplished through the online *Input Based Accountability System* (IBAS) Survey. By mid-October the IBAS will be ready for school principals to enter the Survey and provide an update on how their school meets the 12 applicable minimum standards. Schools with an approval status that expired June 2013 and were recently re-approved for a five year period are exempt from this requirement. Schools with an approval status expiring June 2014 will be required to answer questions regarding all the minimum standards in the IBAS Survey AND submit current fire

and health inspection reports. Health inspection forms are available on the Department's Web site at [www.education.nh.gov/program/school\\_approval/public\\_approval\\_forms.htm](http://www.education.nh.gov/program/school_approval/public_approval_forms.htm).

If the principal or superintendent has changed, it is important for the new person to work with the district's i4see coordinator to obtain access to the IBAS survey and other Department of Education Surveys.

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### **B. Nonpublic School Advisory Council**

The Nonpublic School Advisory Council (NPSAC) was established under Ed 400 to perform duties assigned by the State Board of Education related to nonpublic schools, to facilitate communications between the Department of Education and nonpublic schools, and to raise issues of concern to nonpublic schools. The NPSAC consists of 21 members. Recently a position was created for a public school official to serve on the Council. Persons interested in serving on the Council for a three year term are encouraged to submit a brief resume and cover letter explaining their interest in the position to Dr. Judith Fillion at [Judith.Fillion@doe.nh.gov](mailto:Judith.Fillion@doe.nh.gov). More information regarding the Council, its meeting calendar, and past meeting minutes are available on the Department's Web site at [www.education.nh.gov/program/school\\_approval/non\\_public\\_council.htm](http://www.education.nh.gov/program/school_approval/non_public_council.htm).

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### **C. Nonpublic Schools**

There are several helpful lists of New Hampshire's approved nonpublic schools available on the Department's Web site at [www.education.nh.gov/program/school\\_approval/non\\_public\\_schools.htm](http://www.education.nh.gov/program/school_approval/non_public_schools.htm).

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## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

### **A. Mental Health and Schools Conference**

The Practical to Support Children & Youth with Emotional and Behavioral Challenges will take place Friday, October 11, 2013 from 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Grappone Conference Center. This day-long conference will provide attendees with knowledge of practical and effective strategies that can be used in a variety of settings to improve student's outcomes. Anyone interested in addressing the needs of students with emotional and behavioral challenges and improving academic outcomes should plan to attend. To register or for more information please go to <http://www.naminh.org/node/143> and scroll down to October 11.

### **B. OPEN NH Self-Paced Tutorials**

#### **a) Bullying Awareness and Prevention**

In an effort to assist schools in providing training for ALL school related employees, volunteers, substitute teachers and others, the NH e-Learning for Educators Project, a



program of the New Hampshire Department of Education, has developed a short online tutorial training on bullying awareness and prevention. This tutorial costs \$10 and covers basic issues surrounding bullying, the impact of cyber bullying, and the requirements of the New Hampshire Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention Act. Participants will earn a Certificate of Completion for 3 hours of professional development that will satisfy the required basic training in bullying awareness and prevention. For more information and online registration, visit <https://www.regonline.com/bullyingtutorial>. A complete 7-week course is also available through **OPEN NH**, and will be offered in future OPEN NH course sessions, or by special district cohort request.

#### **b) Substitute Teaching: Tools and Tips for Success**

In an effort to assist schools in preparing potential substitute teachers for teaching in NH schools, the NH e-Learning for Educators is offering a short online tutorial through OPEN NH. This tutorial costs \$25 and provides basic knowledge and skills necessary for being an effective substitute teacher. Proper preparation before substituting in a school or district will greatly increase the confidence and comfort level of substitute teachers working with students in the classroom. The tutorial provides a brief overlook of the situation in education today and prepares potential substitutes with an understanding of how teachers and students interact in our changing educational landscape. Basic skills and techniques for teaching lessons to students along with some strategies for managing behavioral issues are explored. Finally, the tutorial covers a basic understanding of the kinds of policies and procedures that schools must operate under, including the NH pupil safety policy involving bullying. For more information and online registration, visit <https://www.regonline.com/substitutetutorial>. In the future, NH e-Learning for Educators plans to offer a complete 7-week course for substitute teaching which will be offered in future OPEN NH course sessions, or by special district cohort request.

Districts may register cohorts of teachers in either or both tutorials at reduced cohort registration rates. For more information, visit [www.opennh.org](http://www.opennh.org) or contact the OPEN NH Project Coordinator.

Contact: Stan Freeda, (603) 271-5132, or [Stanley.Freeda@doe.nh.gov](mailto:Stanley.Freeda@doe.nh.gov)

#### **C. OPEN NH Online Professional Development Courses**

Registrations are now being accepted for the Fall Session of OPEN NH courses. The seven week, 35 hour online professional development courses begin on October 2nd and run through November 19th. The registration fee for OPEN NH professional development courses is \$130, with early bird fee of \$120 in effect through September 17th. Districts can also request the special delivery of any of our courses over a 7-8 week time frame of their choice. To request a special delivery course, a designated team leader should complete a Special Course Delivery Registration form, available online, and send it to the OPEN NH Project Coordinator for processing, or contact the coordinator.

OPEN NH offers a variety of group discounts for SAUs, districts, or schools. Deals include 25 seats in our seven week 35 hour online professional development courses for \$2,625 or four seats for two teachers for \$440. The list of OPEN NH professional development courses

offered during the upcoming OPEN NH sessions can be found on the Web site at: [www.opennh.org](http://www.opennh.org).

Teaching Enhancement courses for online course facilitation and online course development are available through the program. Visit the Web site for details. Graduate credits are available through Plymouth State University at additional cost of \$185 plus a \$35 registration fee.

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#### **D. STAND UP 2013 New Hampshire**

On Friday, November 15, 2013, thousands of middle and high school students and teachers from across New Hampshire will come together at the Whittemore Center Arena on the University of New Hampshire's Durham campus for a one-day program to take a stand against all forms of bullying. During the day, students will discuss the issue, hear from inspirational speakers, and caucus to exchange ideas and discuss action plans for their schools. This rally was a call to action for students to take a stand against bullying! Commissioner of Education, Virginia M. Barry, Ph.D. encourages NH schools and students to take part in this rally. This is a unique opportunity to discuss the prevention of bullying in our society through education and awareness. To register or for more information go to [www.standuptobullyingnh.org](http://www.standuptobullyingnh.org).

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### **DEPARTMENT STAFF UPDATES**

**Ashley Frame** has joined the Bureau of Integrated Programs as a Consultant for Title II-A. She will be working with the Title II-A grants and the NH Networks. Ashley has had many roles at the school and district level during her nine year career. In addition to school level work, she has served on the NH State Consortium on Educator Effectiveness (SCEE) team, NH Competency Validation Team, and Phase I and Phase II of the Commissioner's Task Force on Educator Effectiveness. She has presented at state-wide data and educator effectiveness summits, graduate classes, national meetings, and NH NEA conferences. Ashley can be reached at (603) 271-6579 or [Ashley.Frame@doe.nh.gov](mailto:Ashley.Frame@doe.nh.gov).

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### **RESOURCES**

#### **Model Section 504 Impartial Hearing Procedure**

The Department of Education's Office of Legislation/Hearings has prepared a PowerPoint for Pro-se Parents to Section 504 Impartial Hearings as well as a Hearing Officers' Guide and a Users' Guide to Section 504 Impartial Hearings. The PowerPoint and guides should answer most of the questions that arise during a Section 504 Impartial Hearing. They can be found on our Web site at [www.education.nh.gov/instruction/integrated/504.htm](http://www.education.nh.gov/instruction/integrated/504.htm).

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#### **Wildlife Programs Available**

Educators who want to introduce their students in grades 3-6 to New Hampshire's wildlife and wetland resources have until September 27 to request fall 2013 Wonders of Wildlife (WOW)



presentations by New Hampshire Fish and Game Department volunteer docents. Fish and Game WOW docents travel to elementary schools to teach one of four interactive classroom programs: Habits and Habitats; Endangered Species; Pond Ecology; and Wetlands. There is no charge. Teachers may download a print-and-mail request form at [www.wildnh.com/Education/Wonders\\_of\\_Wildlife.html](http://www.wildnh.com/Education/Wonders_of_Wildlife.html).

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## OTHER

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### **Tachau Teacher of the Year Award**

The Mary K. Bonsteel Tachau Teacher of the Year Award is given annually by the Organization of American Historians in recognition of the contributions made by precollegiate teachers to improve history education within the field of American history. The award, to be given for activities which enhance the intellectual development of other history teachers and/or students, memorializes the career of Mary K. Bonsteel Tachau, University of Louisville, for her pathbreaking efforts to build bridges between university and precollegiate history teachers. For more information please go to <http://oah.org/awards/awards.tachau.index.html>.

### **United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP)**

In New Hampshire each high school principal may nominate one eligible student. Selection will be based on academic accomplishments, community services, and demonstrated qualities of leadership as elected high school student body officers for the 2013-2014 school year. A selection committee reviews the nominations and chooses several finalists. All finalists are interviewed in early November by the selection committee. The Committee then selects two primary delegates and a first and second alternate. Alternates will be selected as replacements in the event a primary delegate is for any reason unable to participate in the program's Washington Week. Delegates will travel to Washington (all expenses paid) and receive \$5,000 scholarships. The 52nd Annual USSYP will be held in Washington, D.C. March 8-15, 2014. For more information go to [www.education.nh.gov/recognition/us\\_senate.htm](http://www.education.nh.gov/recognition/us_senate.htm). Application deadline is October 16, 2013.

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### **3rd Annual Helicopter 2050 Challenge!**

Start off your new school year with fun STEM activities. Sikorsky is asking kids 9-16 to come up with a concept for the helicopter of 2050. This year, the contest focus is helicopters of the future that will help overcome global challenges. Encourage your students to enter at [www.helicopter2050.com](http://www.helicopter2050.com), where you'll find great STEM activities to help generate ideas.

The Grand Prize Winner will receive:

- The "Igor Sikorsky Youth Innovator Award"
- A \$1,000 Scholarship
- A trip to Sikorsky headquarters

Visit [www.helicopter2050.com](http://www.helicopter2050.com) to read the complete rules and learn more. Contest deadline is September 30, 2013.

**Constitution Day Essay Contest**

In 2004, the Congress decided that "Constitution Day" should be observed in schools each year on September 17th with educational programs about the history and signing of the Constitution. To help celebrate Constitution Day, eight newspapers and the New Hampshire Supreme Court have sponsored an annual "Constitution Day Essay Contest" for grades 5-12 on a topic related to our constitutional rights as citizens. Winning essays will be published in the participating newspapers and local winners, along with their parents and teachers, will be invited to a reception at the state Supreme Court. Statewide winners will be invited to the annual First Amendment Awards presented by the Nackey S. Loeb School of Communications. For more information about the essay contest go to [www.education.nh.gov/instruction/curriculum/social\\_studies](http://www.education.nh.gov/instruction/curriculum/social_studies).

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**The Power of Words Essay Contest**

This 272 Word Essay Contest invites high school students from across the nation to write 272 word (no more, no less) essays on either Abraham Lincoln or the Gettysburg Address. The Power of Words will offer students a platform to experiment with the power of words in the spirit of Lincoln and the Gettysburg Address. Essays will be judged on creativity, originality, use of language, and appropriateness to theme. The school with the highest percentage of participation will receive a \$2,500 award and the three winning students will each receive \$2,500 awards. For more information go to [www.presidentlincoln.org/foundation/272.html](http://www.presidentlincoln.org/foundation/272.html).

**Conservation "Moose Plate" Grant**

The State Conservation Committee (SCC) has announced that the 2014 Conservation "Moose Plate" Grant applications are available. Applications are due on September 27, 2013. Eligible applicants include municipalities, County Conservation Districts, County Cooperative Extension natural resource programs, municipal conservation agencies, schools, scout groups, and other nonprofit entities engaged in natural resource conservation programs. The SCC Conservation Grant Program is funded through the purchase of Conservation License Plates, known as "Moose Plates." The State of New Hampshire dedicates all funds raised through the purchase of Moose Plates to the promotion, protection, and investment in New Hampshire's natural, historical, and cultural resources. The 2014 Conservation Grant Application Instructions and Form may be downloaded through the Web site. For further information, contact Dea Brickner-Wood, Administrator, SCC Conservation Grants, at (603) 868.6112 or [bluesky24@comcast.net](mailto:bluesky24@comcast.net) or visit [www.SCC.nh.gov](http://www.SCC.nh.gov).

**Arts Education Partnership Conference**

This conference will be held on October 25 and 26, 2013 at the Cody Outdoor Center in Ossipee. Educating in and through the arts engages students and invigorates the learning process. The conference brings teachers, artists, parents and community arts leaders together to learn about the power of the arts to transform the educational experience for all youth (in and out of the school day). Develop advocacy and leadership skills, experience hands-on workshops with master level artists/educators. Presentations will include the Arts and Common Core; the new National Arts Standards, arts education research by the College Board, grant writing for the arts, and best practices in arts integration. School, parent, and teacher teams are encouraged to attend. To learn more contact Catherine O'Brian, Arts Education Coordinator, NH State Council on the Arts, (603) 271-0795, or

[catherine.r.obrian@dcr.nh.gov](mailto:catherine.r.obrian@dcr.nh.gov). Conference details, including a "call for workshop presenters" and registration can be found at [www.nh.gov/nharts/programs/services/aieconferences/2013aieconf.html](http://www.nh.gov/nharts/programs/services/aieconferences/2013aieconf.html).

### **Mathematics Dine & Discuss Mini-Conference**

The Fall 2013 Dine & Discuss will feature Judi Keeley as the keynote speaker. Judi's keynote address will focus on what formative assessment is and what it is not. The keynote is followed by dinner and K-4, 5-8, and high school grade-level breakout explorations. New Hampshire Teachers of Mathematics (NHTM) Board members will facilitate the grade-level breakout sessions. This mini conference is being held Tuesday, November 12th from 4:30 p.m. until 7:45 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Concord, NH. To register or for more information go to <http://tinyurl.com/m7s5smo> or contact Rich Andrusiak at [randrusiak@ccsnh.edu](mailto:randrusiak@ccsnh.edu).

### **Social Studies Annual Conference**

The New Hampshire Council for the Social Studies will hold its annual conference at the Radisson in Manchester on Tuesday, October 29th. There will be a keynote address by Tufts University Professor William C. Martel speaking on *Rethinking American Grand Strategy*, 37 workshops, and exhibits. For further information contact Ruby Hill, President, NHCSS, at [topaztuesday@yahoo.com](mailto:topaztuesday@yahoo.com) or Kenneth Relihan at (603) 271-6151 or [Kenneth.Relihan@doe.nh.gov](mailto:Kenneth.Relihan@doe.nh.gov).

### **State Suicide Prevention Conference**

The 10th Annual NH Suicide Prevention Conference will be held November 8th. It offers a variety of workshops and plenary sessions for anyone interested in suicide prevention. For more information go to <http://naminh.org/node/143> or contact Patrick Roberts at [proberts@naminh.org](mailto:proberts@naminh.org).

### **World Language Annual Conference**

The New Hampshire Association of World Language Teachers will hold its annual conference at the Radisson in Manchester on Friday, October 25th, and Saturday, October 26th. There will be 29 workshops and numerous exhibits. For further information contact Ursula Askins-Huber, President, NHAWLT, at [usaschoolmarm@tds.net](mailto:usaschoolmarm@tds.net) or Kenneth Relihan at (603) 271-6151 or [Kenneth.Relihan@doe.nh.gov](mailto:Kenneth.Relihan@doe.nh.gov).

### **NH Young Adult Library Service Conference**

Join teen librarians at the NH Young Adult Library Service (YALS) Conference at the Portsmouth Public Library on Thursday, September 26th. Chris Shoemaker, the President-Elect of ALA's division for Young Adult Services, will open the conference with a program on teens, technology, and programming. Booktalks for the Flume Book Award and Isinglass Book Award winners and a discussion of programming for LGBTIQ teen patrons are also part of the program. For more information, please visit <http://yals.nhlibrarians.org/conferences/yals-fall-conference>

### **Monarchs School Day**

The Manchester Monarchs will be hosting the fourth Monarchs School Day on Wednesday, November 13, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the Verizon Wireless Arena. This event will be a fun and educational day that your students will never forget. This year when the students arrive they will have the ability to utilize the workbooks at the game to hone skills such as simple

transactions, making healthy choice, and pledging to not be a bully. Wellness and anti-bullying will be main focus points for our concourse information and activities. For more information about this event please contact Andrew Yarnall of the Manchester Monarchs at (603) 626-7825 ext. 6103.

### **NH Fish & Wildlife Calendar Fundraiser**

The 2014 New Hampshire Fish & Wildlife calendar makes a great school or club fundraiser. Your group makes \$4.95 on each calendar sold. Sales also support the N.H. Fish and Game Department's work conserving wildlife and wild places and promoting conservation education. This year's theme is "Learn WILD" – connecting teachers, students and learners of all ages to our wild world. It's easy to get started – just download a calendar group sales kit at [www.wildnh.com/Shop/calendar\\_fundraiser.html](http://www.wildnh.com/Shop/calendar_fundraiser.html).

### **Social Security Disability Benefits for Children - How Schools Can Help**

The Social Security Administration through Supplemental Security Income (SSI) makes payments to disabled or blind children under the age of 18. When school records are requested, a form is included for the child's current teacher or the teacher most familiar with the child to complete regarding function in the classroom. Schools can help by expediting the request for school records and by teachers expeditiously completing the teacher questionnaire and returning it. Please spread the word. Let others at the school know how important school records and information from the teacher are in the disability process.

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### **Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Out of School Youth Regional Programs Open for Referrals**

The WIA, Title I Youth, provides employment and training services to economically disadvantaged youth possessing specific barriers to employment. Ideal referrals are individuals who are ages 18-21 (or younger if they already have a diploma or GED) who need assistance in improving academic skills, gaining a credential and preparing for the world of work. While New Hampshire's priorities for this funding are for dropout prevention and/or recovery models, students with a GED or high school diploma may be eligible if they have barriers to employment.

The following regional programs are currently recruiting participants:

- Laconia - My-Turn, Laconia Boys & Girls Club, Mariah Hoffmann, Career Specialist, (603) 275-0203, [mhoffmann@my-turn.org](mailto:mhoffmann@my-turn.org)
- Manchester - NH-JAG Manchester Community College, Seth Window, Youth Specialist (603) 206-8126, [swindow@ccsnh.edu](mailto:swindow@ccsnh.edu)
- Nashua - My-Turn, Nashua Boys & Girls Club, Brigitte Bowmar, Career Specialist (603) 883-0523 x223. [bbowmar@my-turn.org](mailto:bbowmar@my-turn.org)
- Rochester - Project Pride, Inc., Kathy Condon, Executive Director, (603) 335-1177, [ProjectPride@hotmail.com](mailto:ProjectPride@hotmail.com)

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